

House Resolution No. 351

Whereas, on December 29, 1953, Leon Allen Word took the lovely hand of his beloved bride, Doris Chestnut, as the two pledged their troth during ceremonies which were conducted at Clay Center, Kansas; and

Whereas, fifty years later on Sunday, December 28, 2003, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Word observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary through a gathering of family members, friends, and other well-wishers at First Baptist Fellowship Hall in Lebanon, Missouri; and

Whereas, Leon Word attained considerable distinction for his labors of love as a pastor for twenty-seven years and as an educator for twenty-eight years, both endeavors from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, Doris Word likewise developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as an educator, an important vocation from which she retired after twenty-eight years of service; and

Whereas, Leon and Doris Word have been blessed down through the years with the presence of three wonderful grandchildren who are truly the light and joy of their lives; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such stellar Show-Me State residents as Leon and Doris Word:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary reached by Leon and Doris Word and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes for many more celebratory events to come in life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Leon Allen and Doris Chestnut Word of Lebanon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Randy Angst
District No. 146

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 351, adopted February 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker